

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A skeleton structure member for use in a transport machine ~~having, the skeleton structure member comprising:~~
a skeleton member;
multiple granules packed in a space that is inside ~~a~~ the skeleton member ~~of a~~
~~transport machine~~ and/or ~~a space~~ bounded by ~~a~~ the skeleton member
and a panel member around the skeleton member ~~[[,]]; and~~
~~wherein, to suppress excessive rising of an internal pressure in the space~~
~~during increase of the internal pressure, a granule flow allowing part,~~
~~into which the multiple granules can move, is provided close to the~~
multiple granules packed in the space and extending along an axial
direction of the skeleton structure member, the granule flow allowing
part being adapted to allow flow of the multiple granules in a direction
perpendicular to the axial direction so as to suppress an excessive
pressure increase in the space when an axial compressive load is
applied to the skeleton structure member.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The skeleton structure member according to claim 1, wherein the granule flow allowing part is provided inside the skeleton member and comprises a cavity forming member that defines a cavity.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): The skeleton structure member according to claim 2, wherein the cavity forming member is bellows-shaped.

Claim 4 (withdrawn - currently amended): The skeleton structure member according to claim 2, wherein the cavity forming member has a wall part having ~~a~~ a first end at which a load acts on the skeleton structure and a second end opposite to the first end, and wherein the cavity forming member wall part widens from the first end to the second end.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The skeleton structure member according to claim 1, wherein the granule flow allowing part comprises a foam member that is provided inside the skeleton member.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The skeleton structure member according to claim 1, wherein the granule flow allowing part comprises granules provided inside the skeleton member and wherein said granules provided inside the skeleton member are weaker in strength than said multiple granules.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The skeleton structure member according to claim 1, wherein the granule flow allowing part comprises multiple granule flow allowing parts

of different lengths, said multiple granule flow allowing parts being provided inside the skeleton member.